

MAJESTIC SCENERY.

CURIOUS ROCK FORMATIONS ON THE COLUMBIA RIVER.

The Pillars of Hercules, Two Picturesque Basaltic Columns, Rise From the Oregon Side of the Stream. Towering Mountain Peaks.

The person who gave the name Pillars of Hercules to two picturesque basaltic columns rising from the edge of the Columbia river, in the Cascade range, on the Oregon side of the river, chose a name that was peculiarly appropriate. One of the interesting nuts which the geologists in this country have had to crack has been when and how the majestic Columbia burst through the basaltic Cascade range and found its way to the foaming margin of the Northern Pacific ocean. Who knows if the mighty Hercules—who, according to the ancient Greeks, when returning from the western kingdom of Geryon tore asunder the European and African continents in order that the waters of the Atlantic and the Mediterranean might mingle—did not go beyond Erythra, Geryon's island kingdom, and perform a like service for the Columbia river? It certainly would have been a feat worthy of his prowess. The Columbia river, after pursuing its placid way across the arid wastes of land on the eastern side of the Cascade range for nearly 200 miles, approaches the stately row of mountain peaks and pushes through between the towering peaks, Mounts Hood and Adams. After descending in a boiling cascade, from which it is said that the range of peaks derives its name, the Columbia, or, as it has often been called, the Oregon, rolls between ever widening banks to the white bulwark erected by the turbulent sea across its mouth.

One with a good strong arm could throw a stone across the river at the point where it enters the portals of the mountains. Literally the river has turned itself on edge in order to squeeze through. Some distance below this point the river pours over a succession of rugged ledges; then it smilingly passes on its way to the sea. The scenery in this cut through the mountains is thought by some to rival in sublimity that to be found anywhere in the world. Pinnacles of volcanic rock tower toward the heavens. On them have lodged seeds carried thither by the wind or birds. From these seeds trees have germinated. These cling to the rocks with a remarkable tenacity, and some of them, one would think, have a precarious living. On the very summit of one of these Pillars of Hercules a single representative of the evergreen trees which abound on the western slope of the Cascades elevates its foliage with all the impudent audacity and farcical minuteness of a clown's stovepipe hat. There it stands as securely fastened and its foliage as rakishly inclined as the hat on the clown's brow. What depth of soil it has in which to plant its roots doubtless not many know, for the ascent of the column has probably been accomplished by few. It is said that in the early days of commerce on the Columbia, when sailing ships plowed their way up the stream into the heart of the country, the yardarms would often become entangled in the branches of the trees which overhung the water. To the sailors after their long sojourn at sea it was like entering paradise. Beautiful waterfalls add to the charm of the scene. They come pouring as if from the sky over precipices 800 feet high and, hidden in mist, plunge into the serene bosom of the great river.

There are a number of other striking formations of basaltic columns besides the Pillars of Hercules. There are battlemented castles, rounded domes and a thousand rocks of other fantastic shapes. One group of pinnacles, down which numerous small streams descend, is called Cape Horn. Dominating the scene everywhere through this region are the two extinct volcanoes, snow-

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capped warders of the pass, Mount Adams on the north and Mount Hood on the south.

The Indians have a legend as to the origin of the obstructions to navigation which form the cascades. They say that the two earth giants, the mountains, jealous of each other's power, once quarreled furiously. They belched forth fire and smoke and hurled great stones at each other. Some of these stones passed across the river, while many others fell into the stream. In the fiery conflict a roof of rock which spanned the river was broken into fragments. The lodging of all these fragments and stones in the stream created the cascades.

The white man has several theories. One is that the ledge of solid rock over which the current sweeps was deposited by a great rockslide down the sides of the gorge. These mountain sides are wildernesses of broken crags extending to the summits, 3,000 feet high. The ledge is crowned with large boulders so great that the massy body of water cannot move them.—New York Tribune.

Terrific Race With Death.

"Death was fast approaching," writes Ralph F. Fernandez of Tampa, Fla., describing his fearful race with death. "As a result of liver trouble and heart disease, which had robbed me of sleep and of all interest in life. I had tried many different doctors and several medicines, but got no benefit, until I began to use Electric Bitters. So wonderful was their effect that in three days I felt like a new man, and today I am cured of all my troubles." Guaranteed at all drug stores; price 50c.

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"Shortly after his departure a well dressed gentleman came in and handed to our paying teller a check for \$5,000 bearing the signature of our client and with it a letter requesting us to honor the check with cash. This letter was one of the conditions we imposed for our safety. Still feeling that we were taking a chance, the money was passed out to him. After holding the currency a moment in his hands he returned it, with a request for the check, which he destroyed before us.

"On the following day our client thanked us for our courtesy and waived the overdraft privilege, saying that he had no further use for it. He had with him a check for \$5,000, which he deposited. This he had won from his friend on a bet. He had bet that he could negotiate an overdraft for that amount without first explaining that it was a bet and the nature of it, and his friend wagered that no bank would trust him for that amount."—Kansas City Star.

A Creeping Death.

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Just For Toothache.

The blade of a digging hoe was supported horizontally on two bricks and a fire kindled on the ground beneath it. On the middle of the hoe was put a small heap of the seeds of a red fruited variety of eggplant, and over this was inverted the half of a coconut shell having a hole in the top. A piece of bamboo was stuck on to the shell over the hole by a lump of clay. As vapor issued from the bamboo tube the patient inhaled this by placing his lips to the top. Then he spat into a bucket of water, and then again inhaled the vapor. After a quarter hour's treatment the patient and a friend said they could see the "toothache worm" in the water.

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His Envious Estate.

"When I come into my landed estate I'll bet nobody will put me out," said a philosopher after listening to a tale of woe by a friend who had recently lost his place in the country through the foreclosure of a mortgage.

"Why, I didn't know you owned any real estate."

"I don't now, but I am very positive of having some later on. It will be a very snug retreat, too—absolutely private, although in a populous neighborhood. There will be several other advantages too. It will be free from taxes, and I'll be exempt from jury duty."

"Isn't that fine! I congratulate you. Wish I could inherit something like that. Where is your place?"

"The grave."

The other man said nothing further about the injustice of foreclosing mortgages.—New York Herald.

Sixth Sense in Birds.

In the animal kingdom the birds seem to be really the class most highly favored by nature. Though they are not placed near the summit of the line of evolution, their ability to fly marks them off as having some advantages over nearly all the mammals. Their mysterious power of changing their polarity or weight in order to dive in water or soar in air has been often discussed, and the almost incredible velocity of their motion when migrating, sometimes amounting to four miles a minute for vast distances, has no parallel among other animals. In addition, experiments with carrier pigeons at night demonstrated beyond doubt that these birds at least possess a highly developed sense of direction.—New Century Path.

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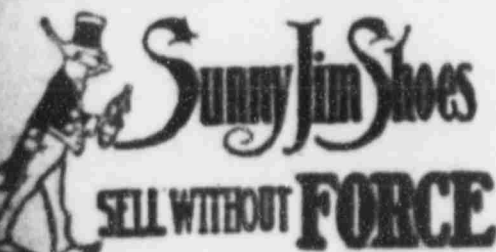
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